

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1218

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Mount Juliet High School Choir on an outstanding performance in the Fiesta-Val National Choir Competition.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause and recognize those outstanding young people who, through diligent effort and unwavering dedication, have developed their natural talents during rigorous competition and brought great honor to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy group of young people is the Mount Juliet High School Choir which recently competed in the Fiesta-Val National Choir Competition; and

WHEREAS, consisting of the Vocal Ensemble and the Ladies of Vocal Excellence (L.O.V.E.), the Mount Juliet Choir achieved great success at the Fiesta-Val National Choir Competition; and

WHEREAS, pitted against talented high school choirs from New Hampshire, Virginia, and West Virginia, the Mount Juliet High School students utilized their tremendous vocal abilities to emerge victorious with the Grand Championship of the entire competition; and

WHEREAS, the Vocal Ensemble also earned a Superior rating and First Place honors in the Mixed Choir Division and L.O.V.E. and earned a Superior rating and First Place honors in the Treble Choir division, in addition to winning the overall Championship trophy for Mixed Choir, Treble Choir, and Women's Choir; and

WHEREAS, this talented group of young people was under the direction of MJHS Choir Director, Sandy Elliot and was accompanied by Dustin Kramer; both Ms. Elliot and Mr. Kramer also received the honors, with Ms. Elliot receiving the Award of Distinction for Outstanding Conductor and Mr. Kramer receiving the Outstanding Accompanist Award; and

WHEREAS, in winning the Grand Championship, the MJHS Choir attained the highest average of scores in the competition and was then given the opportunity to perform at Grand



Zero in New York City, where the Ensembles drew the attention of a large audience; Ms. Elliot commented that "The students were great ambassadors for Mt. Juliet High School and showed great maturity and respect."; and

WHEREAS, the Mount Juliet High School Choir has enjoyed the unwavering support of their school's administration, faculty, and student body; and

WHEREAS, the level of excellence attained by this phenomenal choral program is a tribute to the hard work and dedication of its director and vocalists and they deserve special recognition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Director, Ms. Sandy Elliot, Accompanist, Mr. Dustin Kramer, and members of the Mount Juliet High School Choir for their outstanding performance in the Fiesta-Val National Choir Competition and wish them much continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.